

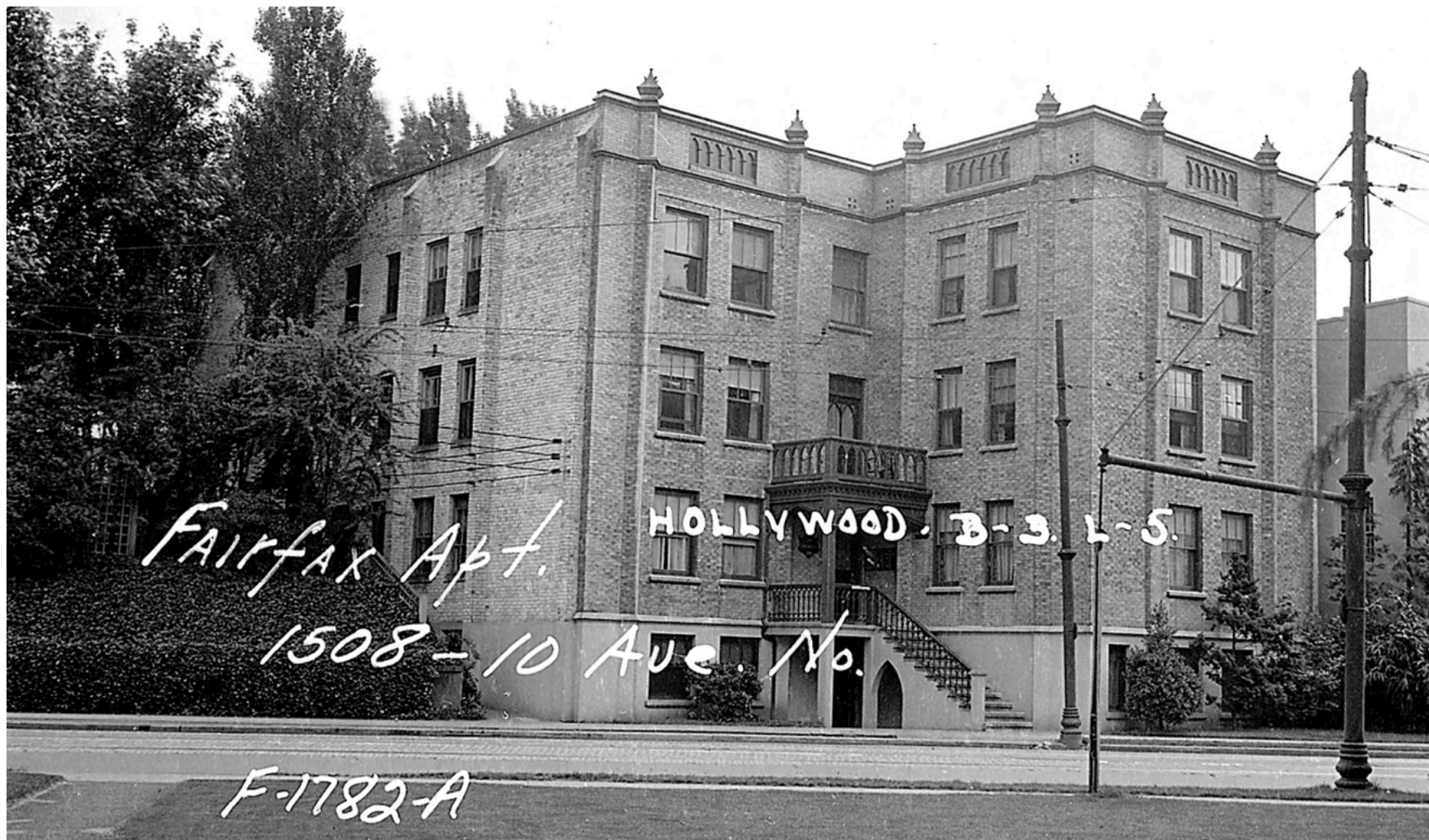
THE FAIRFAX APARTMENTS

1508 10th Ave East

Seattle Landmarks
Preservation Board

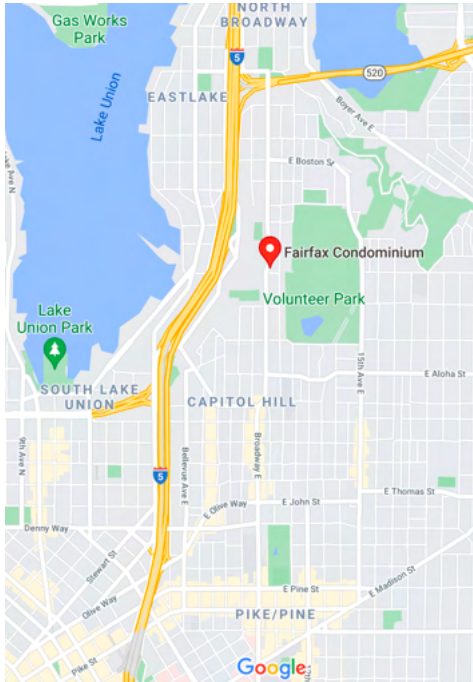
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1508 10th Avenue E

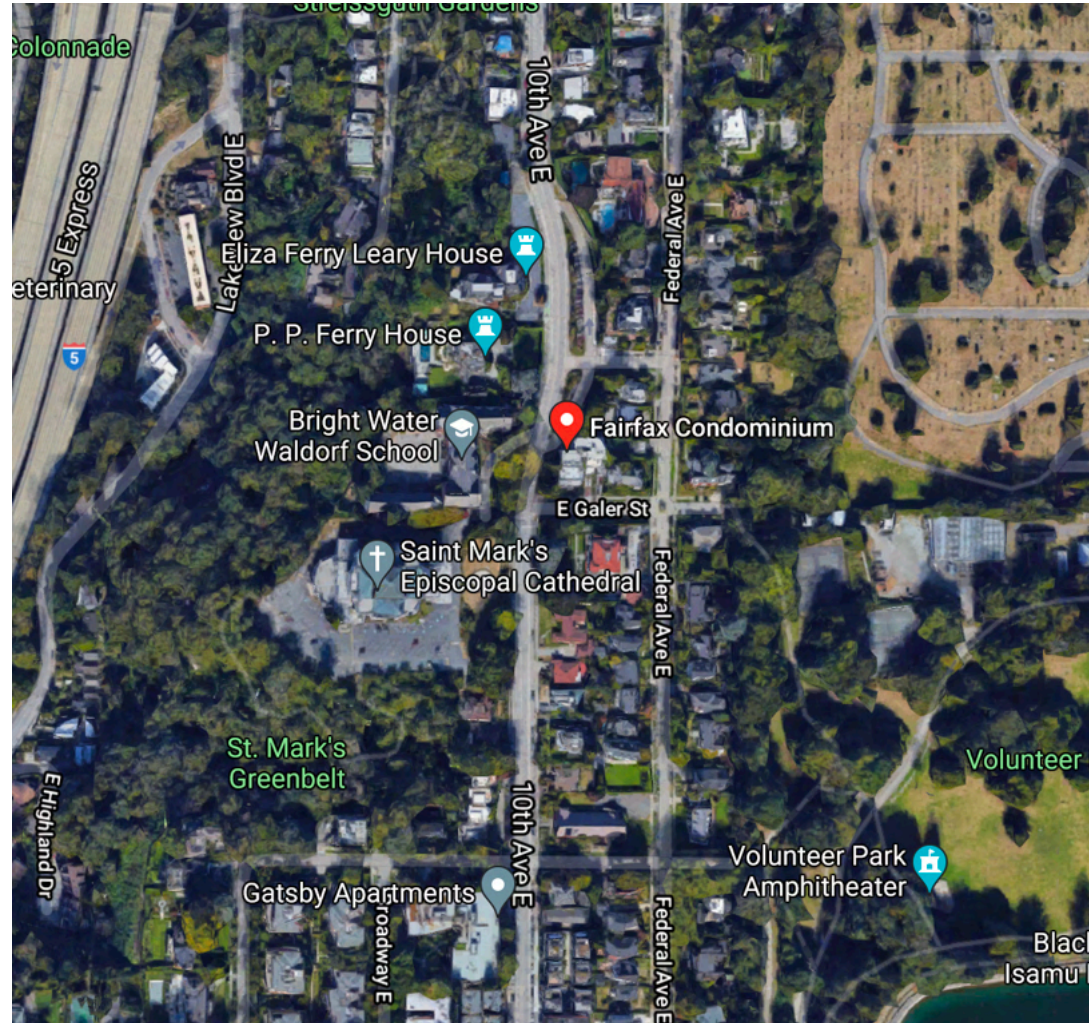
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Builder:	G.F. Martin

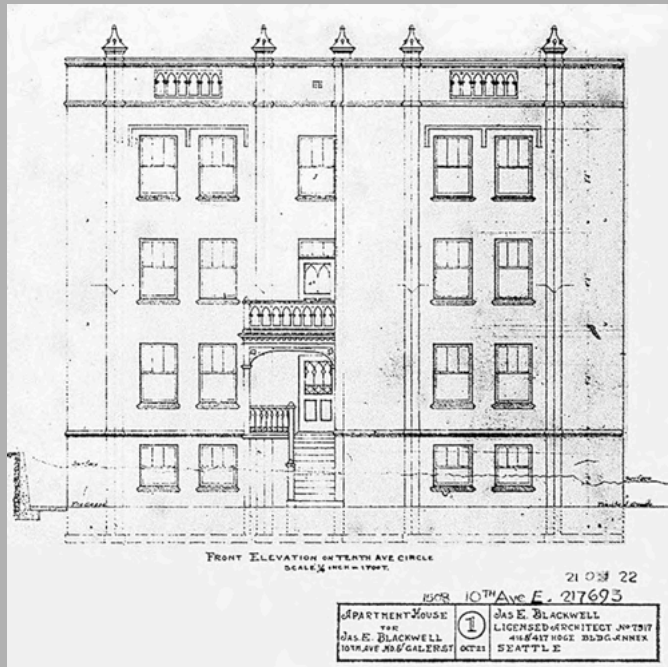


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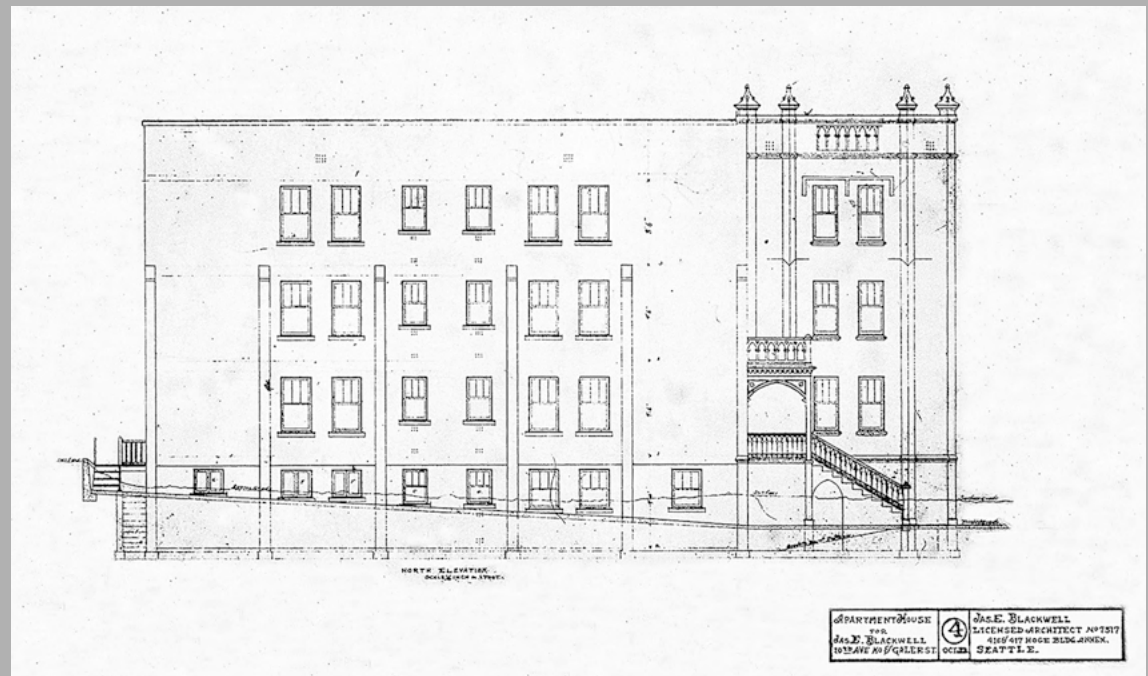
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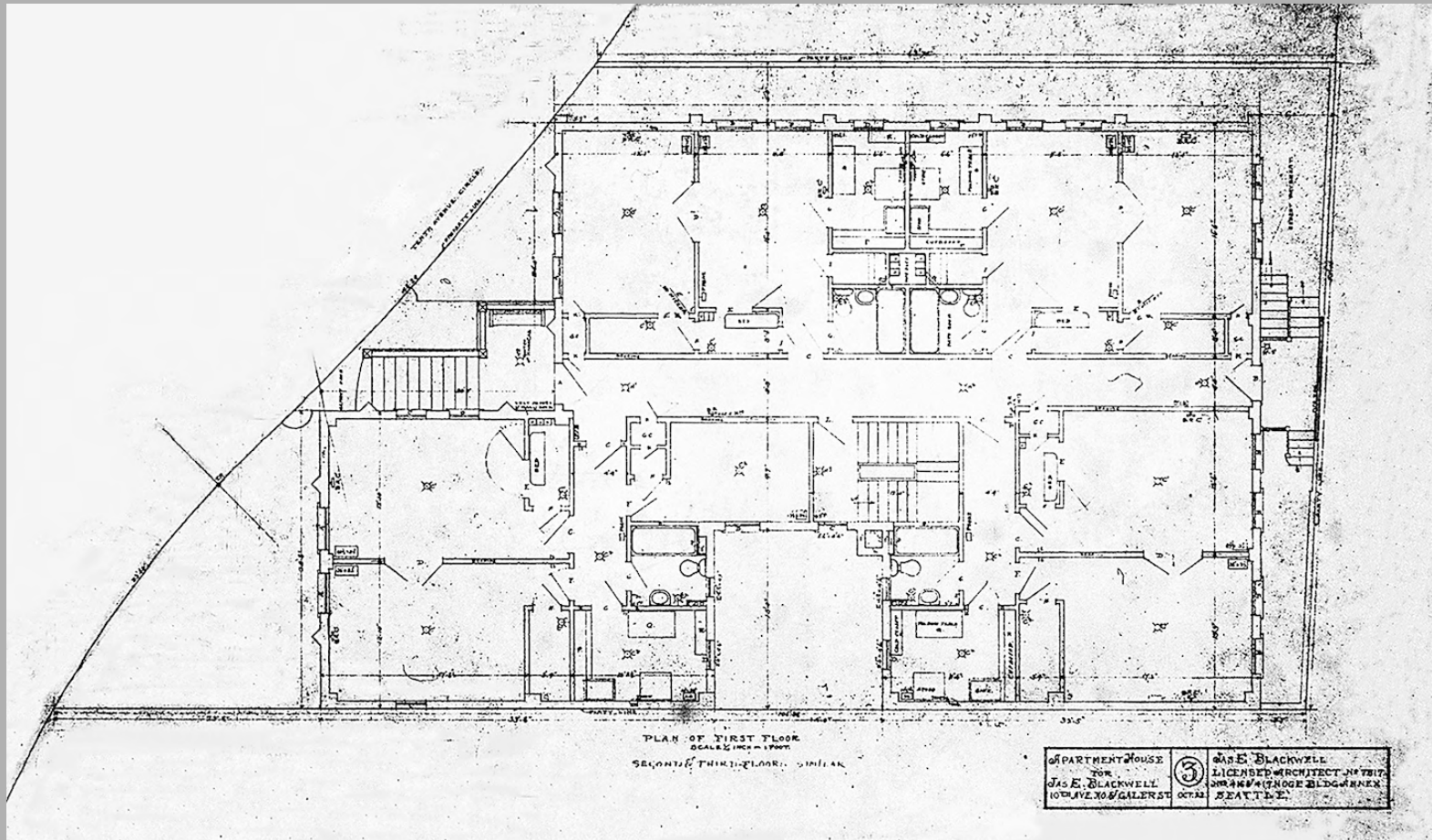




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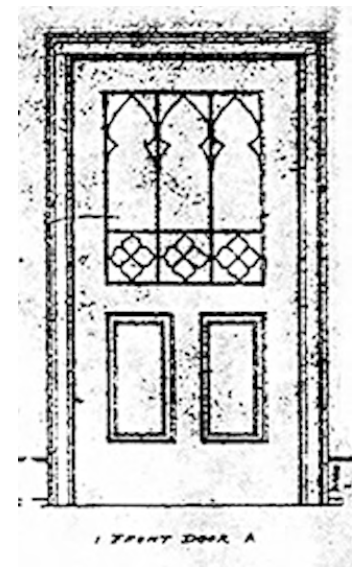
West (front) and North elevations





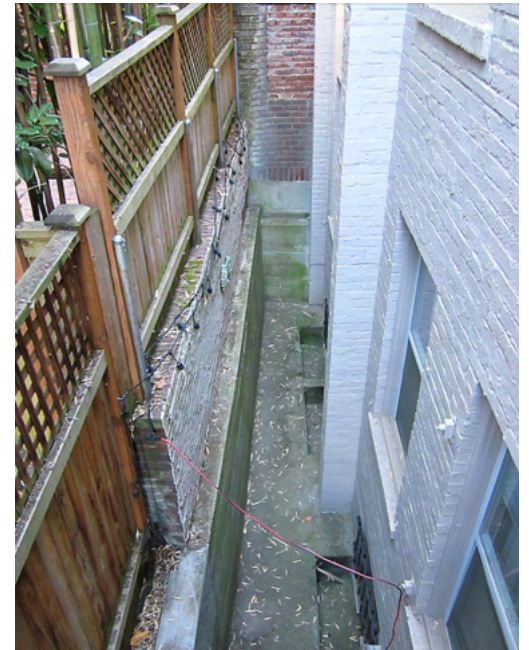
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First floor plan



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Walk around the building: Primary (west) elevations.



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Walk around the building: North and East (rear) sides



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Light court on south side of building

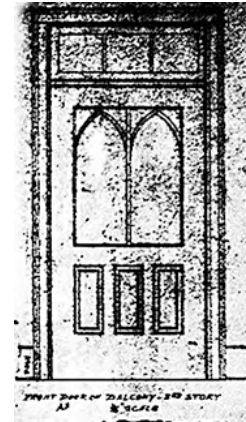




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Roof





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Interiors



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Alterations





Woolworth Building, 1913



Chicago Tribune Tower, 1923-25



Terminal Sales Annex, 1915
1931 2nd Ave. Seattle

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Gothic Revival/commercial and residential tall buildings



Liggett Building, 1927
4th and Pike



Marlborough Apartments, 1927
1220 Boren Ave.



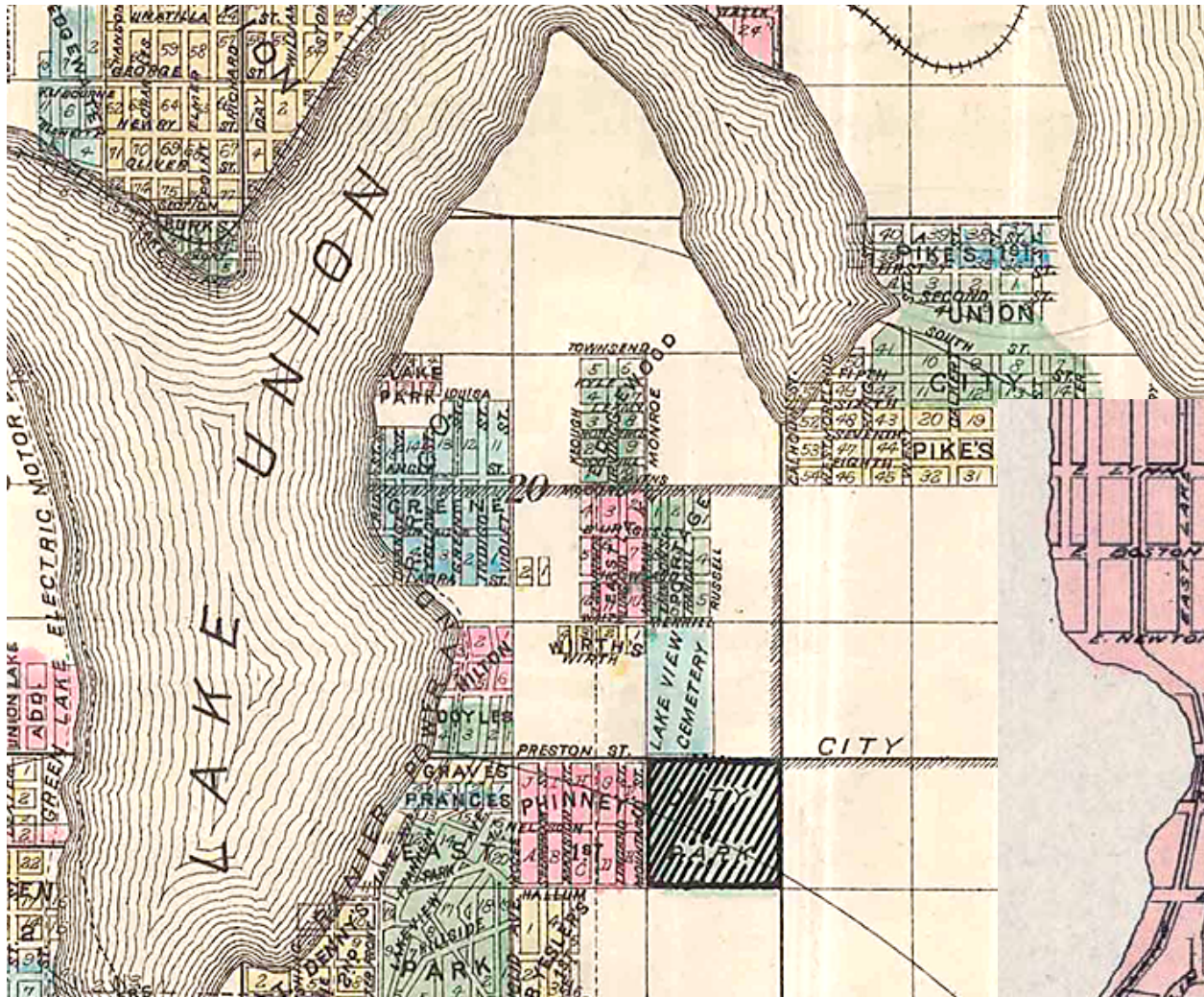
Shafer Building, 1924
6th and Pine

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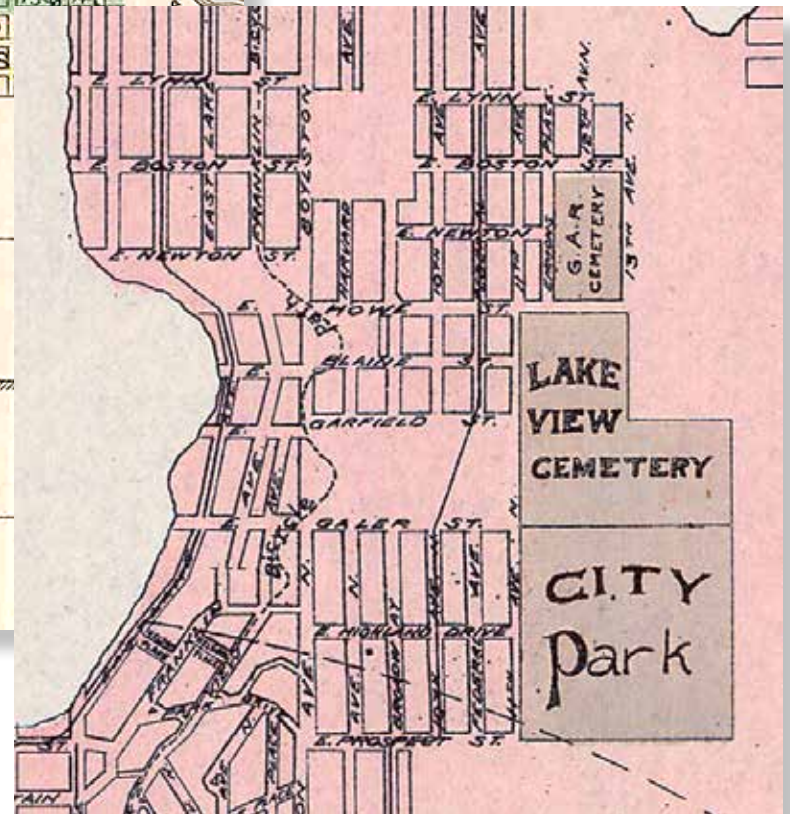
Gothic Revival in Seattle



THE NEIGHBORHOOD



1890 O. P. Anderson map



1899 Polk Directory map

Hollywood

AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF
SEATTLE WASHINGTON

COTTELL and WHITWORTH ENGINEERS SCALE 1/4"=100 FEET



DESCRIPTION

This plat of Hollywood, an addition to the City of Seattle, Washington covers a portion of the south-east quarter (S.E. 1/4) of the South-east quarter (S.E. 1/4) of the south-east quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section 20 Township 25 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian, which said portion is more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing on the south boundary line of the said S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of said Section 20, at a point which is 130 feet S. 89° 15' 15" W. of the south-east corner of the said S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said Sec. 20 thence along a line parallel to and 130 feet S. 89° 15' 15" W. from the East line of said S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 20, 100' 20' 0" E. 65° 0' 11" East to the North line thereof, thence along said North line S. 89° 15' 15" W. a distance of 360.14 feet to the westerly margin of 10th Ave. North as platted in Broadway 2nd Addition to the City of Seattle, thence southerly along a line uniformly 30 feet east of and parallel with the Centerline of a proposed extension of 10th St. North to be conveyed by deed across said S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 20 Th. 25 N. R. 4 E. W. (said centerline being as shown in detail on this plat) to a line 60 feet North of and parallel with the South margin of Galer St. in Phinney's Addition to the City of Seattle, thence S. 89° 15' 15" W. along said N. line 60 feet to its intersection with the W. line of 10th St. N. in said Phinney's Add. produced, thence southerly along said W. margin produced 37.86 feet to the S. line of said St. N. of S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of said Sec. 20, thence along said South Street line N. 65° 0' 11" E. 44.5 feet to the place of beginning.

The Initial Point is the S.E. corner of Lot 1 Bk. 1 which is 130 feet S. 89° 15' 15" W. and 36.60 ft. N. 5° 0' 20" E. from the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said Sec. 20. The dimensions of all lots and blocks are as shown in feet on the face of this plat. All bearings are referred to the City Standard Meridian. The Centerline of Federal Ave. through this Addition is a true line connecting the present Centerline of Federal Ave. from the S. margin of E. Galer St. in Phinney's Add. to the S. line of Broadway 2nd Add.

The centerline of the proposed extension of 10th St. North is here shown for the purpose of definitely locating a parallel line 30 feet east thereof, which is the west boundary of this plat.

DEDICATION

Those all men by these presents, that the Ferry-Leary Land Company, a corporation, and Samuel Hill and Mary, his wife, by Walter D. Dares, their attorney in fact, owners in fee simple of the land within described and hereafter in this Addition hereby declare this plat of Hollywood an addition to the City of Seattle and hereby dedicate to the use of the public forever the streets and avenues shown hereon in witness whereof the parties hereto have executed these presents this 18th day of February 1904.

Signed and sealed in presence of:
Ferry-Leary Land Company by John Leary its President
and Pierre P. Ferry its Secretary
Samuel Hill by Walter Dares his attorney in fact
Mary Hill by Walter Dares her attorney in fact

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Washington) ss. This is to certify that on this 18th day of February 20 1904 before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified, personally appeared John Leary and Pierre P. Ferry, known to be the President and Secretary, respectively, of the Ferry-Leary Land Company, this Corporation, which executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said Corporation for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath said Notary stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

And also at the same time and place personally appeared Walter Dares, as attorney in fact for Samuel Hill and for Mary Hill, his wife, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as such attorney in fact, and acknowledged to me, that he signed and sealed the same as the attorney in fact for Samuel Hill and for Mary, his wife, as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of said Samuel Hill and Mary Hill for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year first above written.



F. H. Whitworth
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle, in said State

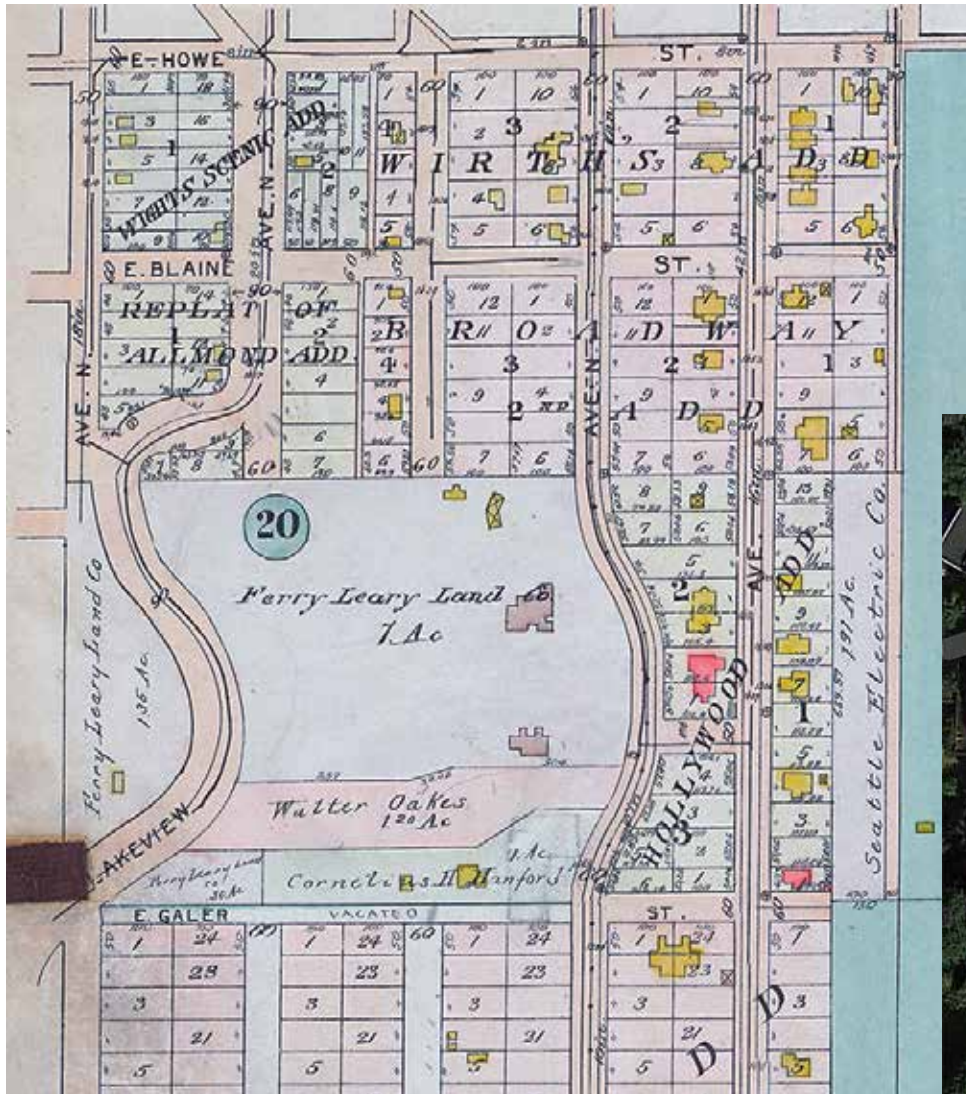
Examined and approved by me this 20th day of February A.D. 1904
B. J. Thompson, City Engineer

Approved and confirmed by Ordinance No. 18601 of the City of Seattle, approved by me this 2nd day of March A.D. 1904
J. L. Thompson, Mayor
J. H. Gallagher, City Comptroller and official City Clerk
By G. C. Stryker, Deputy

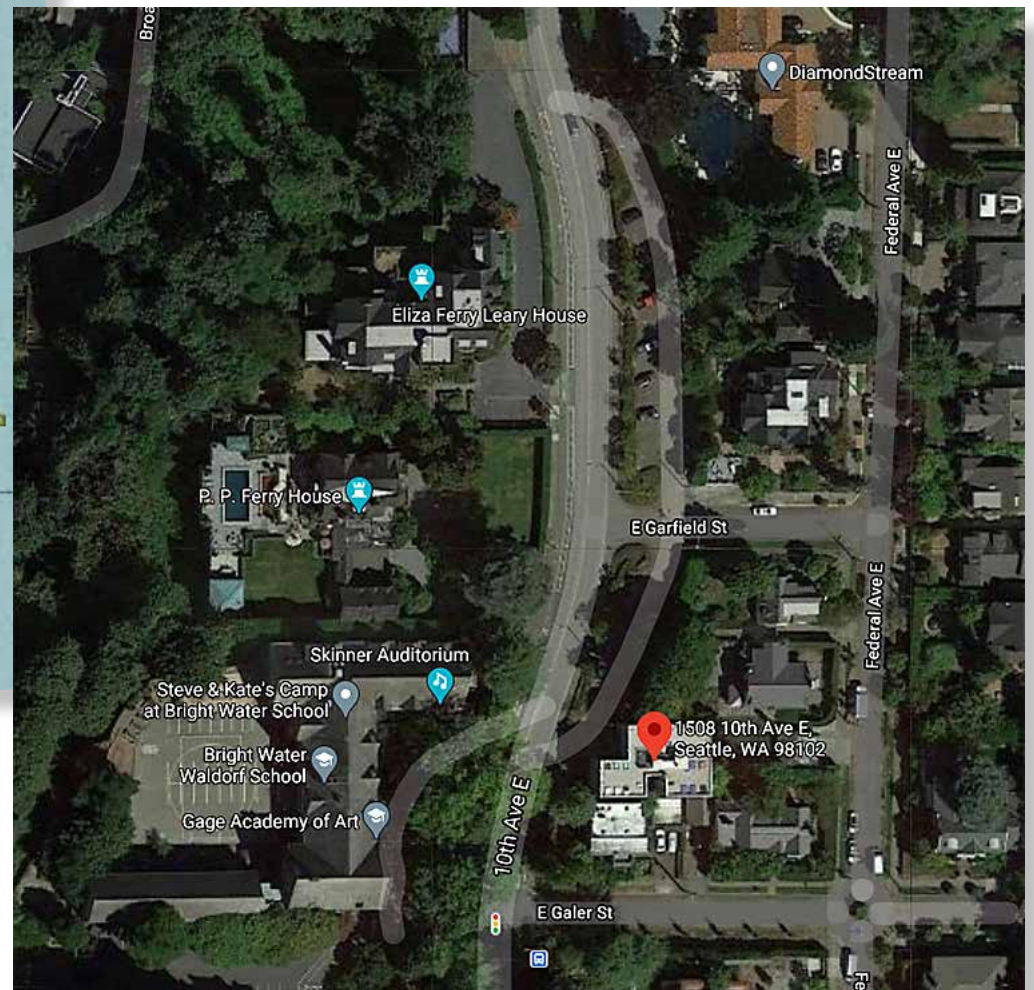
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Filed for Record at Request of Ferry-Leary Land Co. Mar. 17 1904 at 10 min past 1 P.M. and recorded in Vol. II of Plats page 43 Records of King County Wash.
Geo. B. Loring
County Auditor

A deed from the Ferry-Leary Land Company and Samuel Hill and wife to the city granting the right-of-way for an extension of Tenth Avenue North through the Hollywood Addition was accepted and an ordinance ordering a re-grade of the avenue passed. Ordinances were passed accepting re-

Seattle Daily Times, March 1, 1904



1912 Baist map



THE BUILDING

CITY OF SEATTLE—DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
APPLICATION AND BUILDING PERMIT

ESTIMATED COST 28000 VMB 4 180 DAYS PLANS FILED YES Correction Sheet NO SPOKESMAN CLERK L

Application is hereby made for permit to do the following work: Build 3 Story
Basement Apartment House
as per plans.

At 1508 10th Ave No. on Lot 5-12, Block 3
of Hollywood Addition. Lot is 5-5 x 108-4
Building will be 5-0 x 80 and 3 stories in height, in addition
to full basement. Occupancy will be apt house

No part of the building may be nearer than _____ feet _____ inches to any adjoining lot line.

The upper side of the sills must be at least _____ inches above the ground.

Owner Jas E Blackwell Address 1112 Harvard Ave No.
Contractor _____ Address _____
Architect Owner (Owner) Jas E Blackwell

Application made 10-20 1922 By _____

Permission is hereby given to do the above described work, according to the conditions hereon and according to the approved plans and specifications pertaining thereto, subject to compliance with the Ordinances of the City of Seattle.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS.

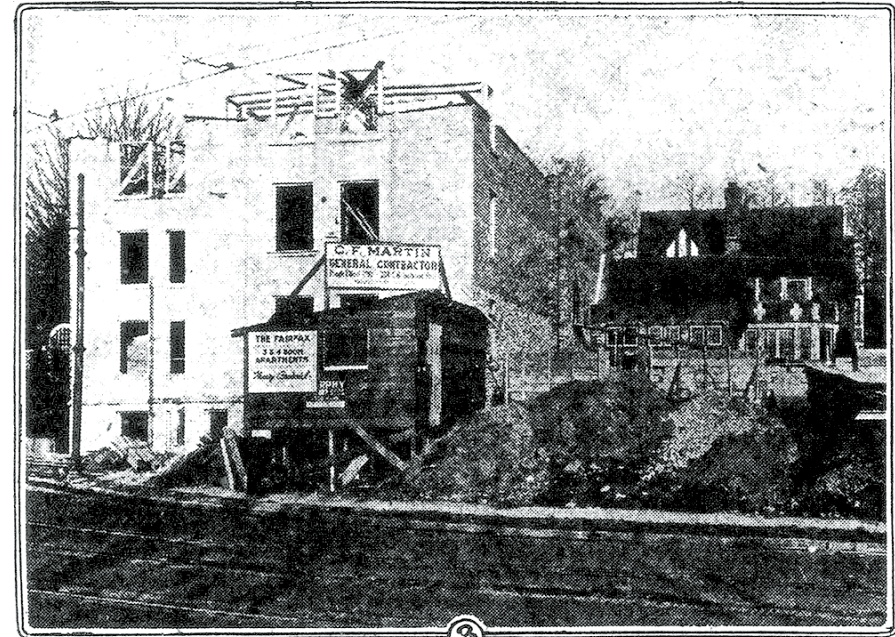
Permit issued 10-21 1922 By _____

Report and recommendation: _____

APPROVED
Date 10-20-22
BY COM. OF HEALTH
W. C. E.
10/20/22

Field Inspector

1922 Blackwell Building Permit



Examples of Local Building Activity.

New Seattle construction shown in the photographs this week involve an expenditure of more than \$200,000. 1—Building for The White Company, distributors of White motor trucks, to be occupied about April 1, at Rainier Avenue and Dearborn Street. This structure represents a cost of \$85,000 and is situated on ground costing \$30,000. The building has 60,000 square feet floor space and features the saw-tooth construction. Ebb & Gould were the architects. C. W. Cornell is manager of the Seattle branch of the White Company. 2—The Swanson Apartments, under construction on the southwest double corner of Federal Avenue and Harrison Street, which will cost \$50,000. The building, owned by Charles A. Swanson, will contain thirty-one two and three-room apartments. 3—The Fairfax Apartments, 1508 10th Ave. N., designed and owned by James E. Blackwell, is costing \$50,000. It will have fourteen handsome suites. Management of the Swanson and Fairfax Apartments has been entrusted to Henry Broderick, Inc.

1923 Seattle Daily Times detail

Investment in Seattle Attracts Spokane Man

Two apartment house sales were among the transactions reported the last week by Henry C. Ewing & Co.

The Fairfax Apartments, 10th Avenue and Gaylor Street, were purchased by F. E. Birney of Spokane for \$75,000. The purchase was made as an investment. Mr. Birney expressed the belief that no other city in the United States offers better investment opportunities than Seattle and he has notified Henry C. Ewing & Co. that he has more money to invest here.

The other transaction was the sale of the Reiff Apartments, Broadway and Alder, to J. E. Blackwell for \$40,000. This purchase also was made for investment. The property will be managed by West & Wheeler.

Seattle Daily Times,
October 19, 1924

"Fairfax"

An Apartment Building
That Lives Up to
Its Name

THE "Fairfax" Apartments on 10th Avenue near Galer are now practically complete. In the center of a fashionable district, it embraces 14 3 and 4-room apartments, all excellently finished. Still, the rents are moderate. Glad to show the apartments by appointment.

Henry Broderick INC.
Hoge Building
Private Exchange Main 4350

Seattle Daily Times,
June 26, 1923

THE FAIRFAX.
1508 10th Ave. North.
FEDERAL AVE. District.
One three and one four-room corner suite. Breakfast nooks, hardwood floors, ivory woodwork, French doors and door mirrors; \$50 and \$67.50.
An oil heating plant insures a comfortable temperature at all times.

Seattle Daily Times,
December 21, 1924

THE FAIRFAX
1508 10th North.
3-and 4-room suites situated in the North Broadway district at \$42.50 and \$55. Oak floors, refrigeration, etc.

Seattle Daily Times,
December 23, 1930

3 ROOMS, \$30
THE FAIRFAX—Front corner, spacious 3-room; two in-a-door beds; refrigeration; across from old Leary home. 1508 10th Av. N.

Seattle Daily Times,
April 15, 1936

246 Rooms, Housekeeping

EVERYTHING furnished. \$35. Gentleman. Fairfax Apartments, 1508-10 East, EA 3-6772, SU 2-1340.

Seattle Daily Times,
February 24, 1966

FAIRFAX APARTMENTS, 1508 10th North. 3 and 4-room apartments; best in location and design; electric ranges, hot water heat, oil burner; up to date in every respect. \$65 to \$75. For rent by owner. 417 Hoge Bldg Annex.

Seattle Daily Times ad placed by Blackwell,
September 23, 1923

ALICE JACKSON IS BRIDE OF E. J. RILEY

Young Couple Will Be at
Home at The Fairfax After
October 1.

INTEREST last week centered in the marriage of Miss Alice Jackson, daughter of Mrs. John N. Jackson, to Mr. Ernest John Riley, son of Mr. P. J. Riley of Seattle, which was celebrated Wednesday at

Seattle Daily Times,
September 21, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. Du Mett will spend their honeymoon on a motor trip and after January 15 will be at home at the Fairfax Apartments.

Seattle Daily Times,
December 6, 1924

SEATTLE MAN TAKES BRIDE IN EVERETT

Miss Jeanne Falconer Caithness Is Led to Altar by
Thomas Greenlees.

AN out-of-town wedding of great interest to local society was the marriage of Miss Jeanne Falconer Caithness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peace Caithness of Everett to Mr. Thomas Greenlees of Seattle, son of Mr. Thomas Greenlees of Maidstone, England, celebrated Wednesday.

Mr. Greenlees is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and West of Virginia College, post-graduate College of the City of New York, and was a student at the American Art Center in Paris.

They will be at home at the Fairfax Apartments, Seattle, after July 15.

Seattle Daily Times,
June 28, 1925

* * *

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Emory DeWolfe, whose marriage took place last week in New Haven, Conn., will arrive in town about January 4, and will be at home after January 15, at the Fairfax Apartments. Mrs. DeWolfe (Mary Chamberlain), has many friends in town, as she has often visited Miss Roberta Humphrey and Miss Laura Emory.

Seattle Daily Times,
January 1, 1927

KENTUCKY GIRL IS BRIDE

Pretty Ceremonies Solemnized in St. Barnabas' Chapel on Tuesday.

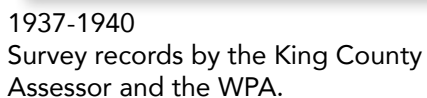
ONE of June's most important weddings, that of Miss Lena Utterback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Utterback of Paducah, Ky., to Mr. John Stone Brinkley was celebrated Tuesday afternoon in St. Barnabas' Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Herbert H. Gowen reading the service at 8 o'clock.

At The Sorrento, where there was a wedding dinner for the immediate relatives, were standards of roses and Canterbury bells, wedding bells of white sweet peas, and pond lilies.

After July 15 Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley will be at home in The Fairfax.

Mrs. Brinkley was educated at the Marlborough School in Los Angeles, and Miss Finch's School in New York, and later went abroad with Miss Smith for eight months' travel. Mr. Brinkley, who is a brother of Mr. Robert and Mr. James Brinkley of Seattle, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

Seattle Daily Times,
June 29, 1929



APARTMENT, HOTEL, OFFICE—KING COUNTY ASSessor, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE FAIRFAX CONDOMINIUM
S.E. 1/4 SECTION 20 TWP. 25 N.R. 4 E.W.M.
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
FREDERICK M. DRAKE - ENGINEER - AUGUST, 1981

LAND SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE
I hereby certify that this survey map and these plans are for the Fairfax Condominium and are based upon an actual survey of the property described herein and that the bearings and distances are shown correctly thereon, and that the plans accurately depict the locations and dimensions of the apartments as built, and that I have fully complied with the provisions of the statutes governing condominiums.

Frederick M. Drake
Surveyor Certificate No. 3933



DEDICATION AND REFERENCE TO DECLARATION
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, the undersigned, owners in fee simple of the land described, hereby dedicate this survey map and these plans, and dedicate the same for condominium purposes, but not for any public purposes, and solely to meet the requirements of the Horizontal Property Regimes Act for a Survey Map and Plans, and to submit the property to the Act.
The Survey Map and these Plans and any portion thereof are restricted by the terms of the Declaration and covenants, conditions and restrictions for this Condominium filed under King County Recorder's File No. _____ on the _____ day of _____, 1981.

Robert K. Lehr
Raymond Freidman
Shirley Freidman

Kathleen A. Lehr
Shirley Freidman
Shirley Freidman

VERIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON S.S.
COUNTY OF KING
Frederick M. Drake being first on oath duly sworn, states that he is the Registered Land Surveyor signing the above certificate, that he has examined these plans and survey map and believes the certificate to be a true statement.

Registered Land Surveyor No. 3933

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August, 1981, at _____, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at _____.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF WASHINGTON S.S.
COUNTY OF KING
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 24 day of March, 1982, A.D. before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, personally appeared Robert K. Lehr, and Kathleen A. Lehr his wife, also Raymond Freidman and Shirley Freidman, his wife, also Timothy J. McHugh, a single man, to me known to be the individuals who executed the within dedication, and who acknowledged to me that they signed and sealed the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year first above written.
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.

RECORDING CERTIFICATE

Filed for record at the request of Robert K. Lehr, Kathleen A. Lehr, Raymond Freidman, Shirley Freidman, and Timothy J. McHugh this _____ day of _____, 1982, at _____ minutes past _____ and recorded in Volume _____ of Condominiums, pages _____.

Records of King County, Washington.

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND ELECTIONS

Manager _____ Superintendent of Records _____

APPROVALS

Examined and approved this 24 day of March, 1982, A.D.
DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS

HARRY H. HAPPE
King County Assessor
Deputy King County Assessor

Condo Conversion document, 1981

OPEN 1-4
THE FAIRFAX
1508 10th Ave. E.
Convenient North Capitol Hill location. \$44,950 - \$99,500. Most of these classic units offer designer fixtures, quarry tiled bath, French doors and an exercise room. Superb detailing. Superior quality. Call Nola Nevers 621-9121.
Wendy M. Lister, Inc.
116 Vine, Seattle 621-9121

Seattle Times,
December 20, 1981

Wendy M. Lister
INCORPORATED
REALTOR
OPEN 1-4

The Fairfax 1508 10th Ave. E.
Elegance you can afford! A classic renovation of Turn of the Century charm and contemporary designer flair at its best in this 14 unit brick condominium. Across from historic St. Mark's Cathedral, featuring French doors, pedestal wash bowls, top grade carpeting. Seller offering exceptionally attractive terms! 29 year conventional financing at well below market rates! Remaining units priced from \$57,225-\$89,500 for one and two bedrooms. Contact Bob Lehr or Nola Nevers 621-9121.

Waterfront 12949 Holmes Point Dr.
110' NO BANK with beach dock (seaplane retriever, boat facilities) and magnificent water outlook from the entire home. 4+ bedrooms, 3 stone fireplaces, waterside patio and fireplace, covered deck area. \$475,000. Charles Hosert 621-9121.

Magnolia 2103 Condon Way W.
Tudor Style, Sound & Mountain view. Minor interior cosmetics can make this a gem - 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen, rec. room, fireplace, hardwood floors, corner lot and fenced backyard. \$114,500. Gloria Evans 621-9121.

BY APPOINTMENT

Waterfront \$575,000
OVER THE WATER. Unique 4+ bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home. Diving platform. Private beach. 54' dock for moorage. Low maintenance "Townhouse" yard. A delightful place to live. Call Rex Goode 621-9121.

Queen Anne \$219,500
Day view of Ship Canal, Lake Union and the mountains. Sparkling lights at night from all main rooms. Classic French architecture including fireplace in large master bedroom. It is unusual to offer a home of this quality on such exceptional financial terms. Please call Gloria Evans or Bob Lehr at 621-9121.

Mercer Island \$174,500
Unique Northwest Contemporary, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Convenient family room adjacent to breakfast room. Woodsy setting, private backyard with patios. Call Wendy Lister 621-9121.

(206) 621-9121
116 VINE STREET, SEATTLE WASHINGTON, 98121

Seattle Times,
January 31, 1982

106 Condominiums, Co-ops

OPEN 1 - 4

THE FAIRFAX

1508 10th Ave. E.
Simply Capitol Hill's best. Well below market 29 year conventional financing with minimal down payments. The 14 units include top grade carpeting, french doors, pedestal wash bowls and much more. \$57,225 - \$89,500. Call Bob Lehr 621-9121.

BY APPOINTMENT

Seattle Times,
February 21, 1982

THE Bill Snyder
CO REALTORS

OPEN SUNDAY 1 to 5

CAPITOL HILL
From \$55,950 to \$78,950
1508 - 10th Ave. East

The Fairfax is a classic old Seattle building tastefully renovated. It reflects the grace of a bygone age. Bright sunny rooms give the units a friendly, homey feel. French doors add a touch of class. One and two bedroom units. Great Location! Across from St. Marks. Easy Walking distance to shopping, restaurants and entertainment. Enjoy the amenities of city life. Fantastic terms!! 10% down, 13 1/2% interest, 29 year term. Also open Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 6. For more information call 632-6900 or NANCY SINSHEIMER 523-2640 or DEON STONEHOUSE 634-1061.

Seattle Times,
June 13, 1982



THE ARCHITECT

JAMES EUSTACE BLACKWELL



Officers and employes of the Treasury Department during the calendar year ending December 31, 1879—Continued.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT—Continued.

Name.	Grade.	Time employed.				Compensation.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	Months.	Days.	Regular salary.	Gross compensation received.	
		1879.	1879.					
William Beron	Painter	May 1	June 14	1	12	\$2.50 per day	\$97 50	
James E. Blackwell	Computer	Jan. 1	Mar. 31	3		\$4.50 per day	346 50	
Do	do	Apr. 1	Dec. 31	9		\$5 per day	1,180 00	
John C. Bland	Draughtsman	Apr. 22	Dec. 31	8		do	1,090 00	
Albee V. Bogert	do	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$3 per day	939 00	
Le Roy J. Boggs	Painter	Jan. 10	Apr. 14	3		\$2.50 per day	7 50	
Henry Brauns	Draughtsman	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$6.50 per day	2,099 00	
C. Theodore Brentano	do	Jan. 23	Dec. 31	11	8	\$4.50 per day	1,323 00	
Louis Brodhay	do	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$6 per day	1,878 00	
George W. Brown	Laborer	Apr. 15	May 13	25		\$1.50 per day	37 50	
Michael Brown	do	May 5	May 31	24		\$2.50 per day	60 00	
J. Goldsborough Bruff	Draughtsman	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$3 per day	939 00	
John D. Buchley	Laborer	Jan. 1	Oct. 11	9	11 1/2	\$1.50 per day	366 00	
Do	Helper	Oct. 13	Dec. 31	2	20	\$1.75 per day	147 87	
A. O. Buck	Painter	May 1	Dec. 31	8	1	\$2.50 per day	2 50	
William Buhler	Modeler	Apr. 21	Dec. 31	9		\$5 per day	1,095 00	
D. J. Byrns	Painter	May 1	May 31	1		\$2.50 per day	67 50	
James Butler	Laborer	Jan. 1	Mar. 14	2	7	\$1.50 per diem	81 00	
Do	do	Mar. 15	Oct. 11	6	28 1/2	\$1.75 per diem	384 23	
Do	do	Oct. 13	Dec. 31	2	20	\$1.50 per diem	110 30	
Archibald Campbell	do	Aug. 2	Aug. 16		13	do	19 50	
D. Carroll	Painter	Mar. 14	Apr. 30	1	15	\$2.50 per diem	105 00	
James Carroll	Helper	Jan. 1	June —	5	12 1/2	\$2 per diem	245 00	
Do	Bricklayer	Jan. 25	Jan. 31	8		\$2.50 per diem	20 00	
Charles Cassidy	Carpenter	Apr. 1	Sept. 2	5		do	390 00	
F. C. Chandler	do	Mar. 17	Mar. 31		12	do	32 50	
W. C. Chaves	Painter	May 8	May 24	14 1/2		\$2.25 per diem	32 62	
John Chism	do	May 15	May 31		15	\$2.50 per diem	37 50	
Edward G. Church	Inspector of accounts	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$10 per diem	3,406 00	
E. M. Clarke	Painter	May 28	June 14		16 1/2	\$2.50 per diem	41 25	
W. J. P. Clarke	Computer	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		\$5.50 per diem	1,721 50	
Charles Clayburn	Laborer	Aug. 4	Aug. 16		11 1/2	\$1.50 per diem	17 25	
P. C. Cheeps	Copyist	Jan. 2	Jan. 23	21		\$2.50 per diem	52 50	
W. H. Cole	Painter	Mar. 12	June 14	12	28	do	196 25	
James F. Collins	Carpenter	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	12		do	883 75	
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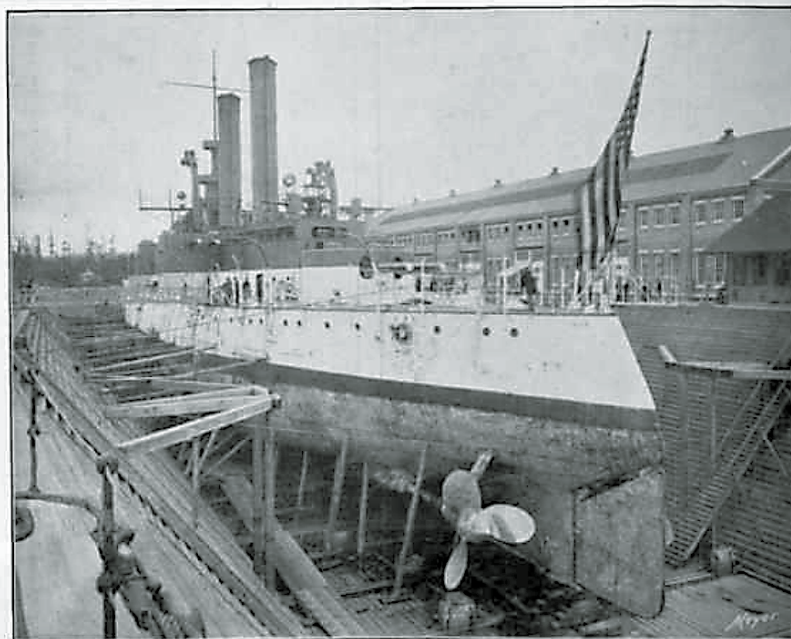
1879 Employee list of Treasury Department's Office of the Supervising Architect

Partnerships with
Robert Robertson
1891-1893 — Tacoma
1900-1904 — Seattle

JAS. E. BLACKWELL. R. L. ROBERTSON
Architect, formerly of Super-
vising Architect's Office, Wash-
ington, D. C.
ROBERTSON & BLACKWELL,
ARCHITECTS.
Rooms 14 and 15, Wright Bld'g, Tacoma, Wash
Jan. 23, 1891.

Washington Standard,
January 23, 1891

THE SEATTLE MAIL AND HERALD.



The Puget Sound Navy Yard

THE PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD, as it is now officially designated, is located on Sinclair Inlet, fourteen miles from Seattle. The picturesque and at the same time strategically safe location of the navy yard combine to make it a most interesting place.

The first appropriation for the station was made in 1880. Captain A. B. Wyckoff was detached from the Bureau of Yards and Docks and selected the site, which contains 190 1/4 acres and has 2,000 yards of shore line. The contract for the dry dock was awarded to Byron Harlow & Co., of Tacoma, of which Mr. J. E. Blackwell was chief advisory engineer, for \$210,000. In April, 1890, the final test of the dock was made, when the Monterey was docked. The dock was accepted by the government, and bears the distinction of being the only United States dry dock which was finished in contract time.

Since 1890 the improvements about the station have been varied and numerous. Machine shops, barracks, officers' quarters, powder houses, pumping plant, water works, and numerous other buildings have been built in the usual substantial government manner.

Since the acceptance of the dock, many of Uncle Sam's Pacific fleet have undergone repairs at the yard, and the thoroughness of the work done there was strikingly illustrated by the 16,000-mile run of the battleship Oregon, in 1898, when, after being overhauled at the Port Orchard navy yard, she steamed to Cuba without a break in her machinery.

At the present time several hundred skilled workmen are employed in the yard, repair shops, and these people and the population of the adjacent towns



James E. Blackwell

of Bremerton, Charleston and Sidney, go to make up a community which is dependent upon the navy yard.

The cost of the navy yard and improvements to date is between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000, and the importance of the station was recognized by the government last spring when the station was made a full navy yard, and Admiral Sterling Yates was ordered to command it. So many improvements are being made that one would almost need to make weekly trips to the navy yard in order to keep up with the procession.

Besides the dock proper and the officers' quarters, machine and repair shops, this bit of Uncle Sam's domain has its own waterworks and a salt-water fire protection system. As fast as money is available many other additions will be made to increase the efficiency of the yard.

As an objective point for tourists, the navy yard has but few rivals in this vicinity, and the delightful ride across the Sound makes the trip doubly interesting to visitors.



CASHIER BLACKWELL PROMOTED.

Succeeds McMicken in the N. A. T.
& T. Seattle Office.

Following the resignation of E. G. McMicken, J. E. Blackwell, for the past year cashier of the institution, has succeeded to the position of general freight and passenger agent of the North American Transportation & Trading Company, pending the annual meeting of the stockholders, January 9.

The appointment was made by Auditor R. S. Buchanan yesterday, before his departure for the East, upon the order of President Michael Cudahy.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer,
November 14, 1899

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Architects Robertson & Blackwell have awarded the general contract for the erection of a 60x120 warehouse for the Puget Sound Machinery Depot on the tide-lands to J. Van Norsdell. The structure will cost but \$5,000. The foundation will be concrete with brick piers, the walls of corrugated iron and gravel roof. The architects are still taking bids for the building of a spur to the above building.

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Seattle Daily Times,
April 13, 1902



Puget Sound Machinery Depot,
Railroad Ave & Washington St.,
Robertson & Blackwell, 1902

Robert L. Robertson. James E. Blackwell.
Phone Red 1170.
Robertson & Blackwell
ARCHITECTS.
71 Dexter Horton Bank Building, Seattle.

Seattle Mail & Herald, June 28, 1902

MR. BLACKWELL RETURNS FROM THE EAST.

Mr. J. E. Blackwell, architect, returned home this week after one month spent upon a business errand to numerous points in the East.

Mr. Blackwell visited New York, Brooklyn, Washington, Newark, Hoboken, Baltimore and stopped over at Chicago and St. Louis on his return. He says that the name, Seattle, will do to conjure with in any part of the country.

In speaking of the Fair buildings which are now under construction, he did so from an architect's standpoint. He says that the plans of the St. Louis Fair buildings are very excellent, or words to that effect, and that from appearances he can do no less than to agree with the St. Louis people in declaring it the biggest world's fair proposition ever undertaken. In view of the possibilities of this fair and its near relationship to our own state it should not be necessary for Mr. Blackwell or for anyone to urge the vital importance of every possible effort looking toward an adequate representation of our resources and future possibilities.

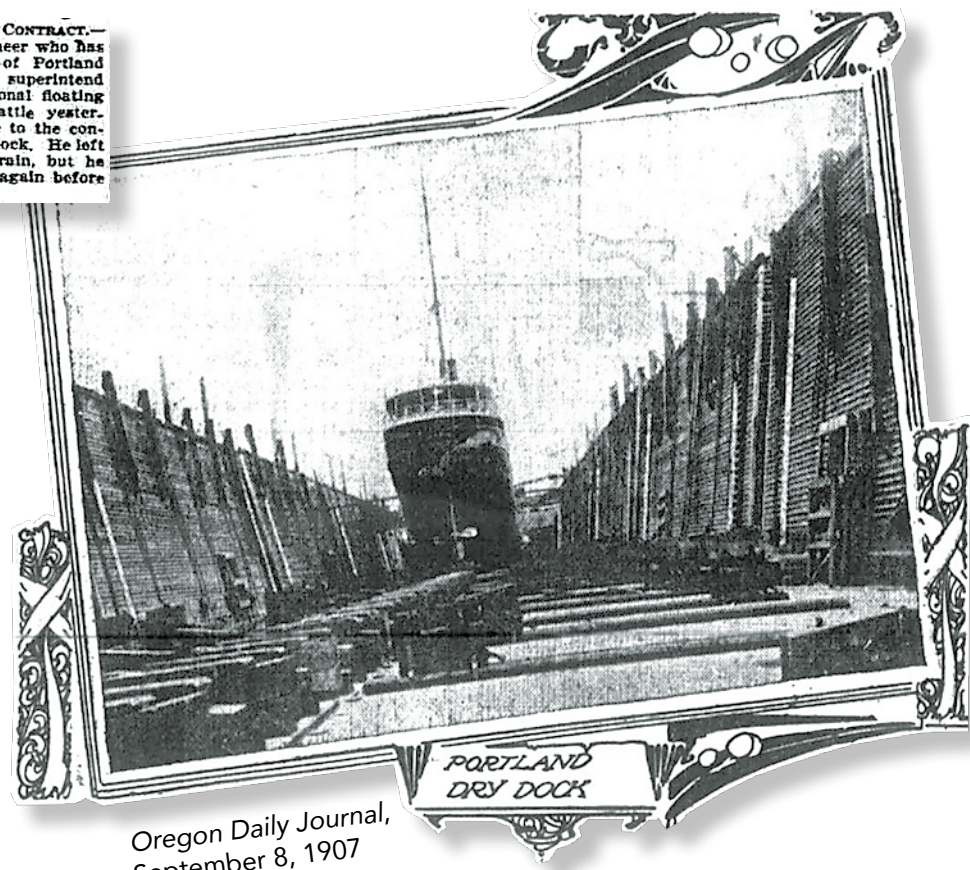
Mr. Blackwell visited twenty-seven of the different largest drydocks of the United States. This was a part of his object in going east. He was the designer of the Port Orchard dry dock and now holds the contract for the architectural work on a Portland dry dock of somewhat less proportions.

A complete list of the plans of the Carnegie library at Washington, D. C., came under Mr. Blackwell's observation, and he was able to see and study the plans of more than a dozen Carnegie libraries. Seattle may be able to absorb some of this knowledge to good effect in the construction of our Carnegie library later on.

Seattle Mail & Herald, June 28, 1902

BLACKWELL SIGNS THE CONTRACT.—James E. Blackwell, the engineer who has been engaged by the Port of Portland Commission to design and superintend the construction of the sectional floating drydock, came down from Seattle yesterday and affixed his signature to the contract for the building of the dock. He left for home on the 2 o'clock train, but he will probably be in Portland again before the end of the week.

Morning Oregonian,
April 24, 1902



Oregon Daily Journal,
September 8, 1907



JAMES E. BLACKWELL.

Robertson and Blackwell

Architects



A SEATTLE RESIDENCE NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION. DESIGNED BY ROBERTSON & BLACKWELL.

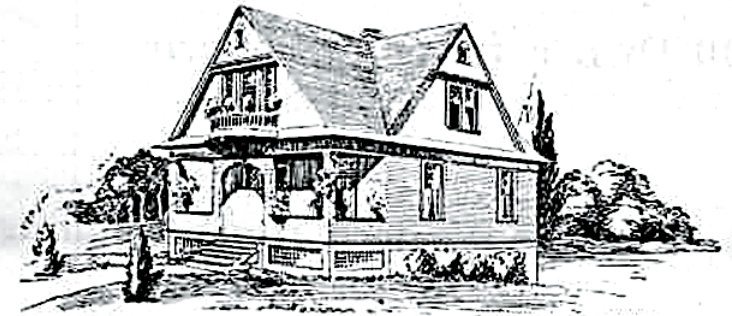


A SEATTLE RESIDENCE DESIGNED BY ROBERTSON & BLACKWELL.

DEXTER HORTON BUILDING
SEATTLE



ROBERT L. ROBERTSON.

ROBERTSON & BLACKWELL
ARCHITECTS SEATTLE

THE MODERN COTTAGE.
This cottage of 8 rooms is one of the best examples of American styles, suitable for small families of moderate means, costing only about \$1600.00. It is house No. 14 on Columbia Terrace.

Seattle Mail & Herald, December 19, 1903

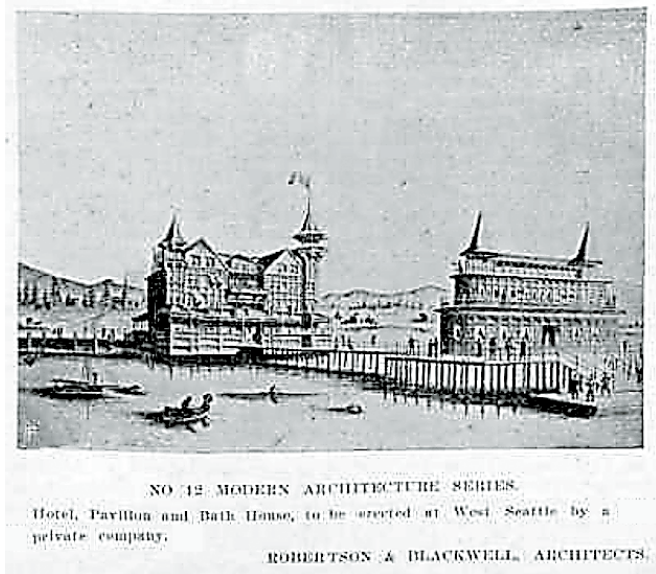
Columbia Terrace
design examples,
Seattle Mail & Herald
1902



NO. 11 MODERN ARCHITECTURE SERIES.
Residence of Dr. W. A. Shannon, Summit Avenue and Madison Street.
ROBERTSON & BLACKWELL, ARCHITECTS.



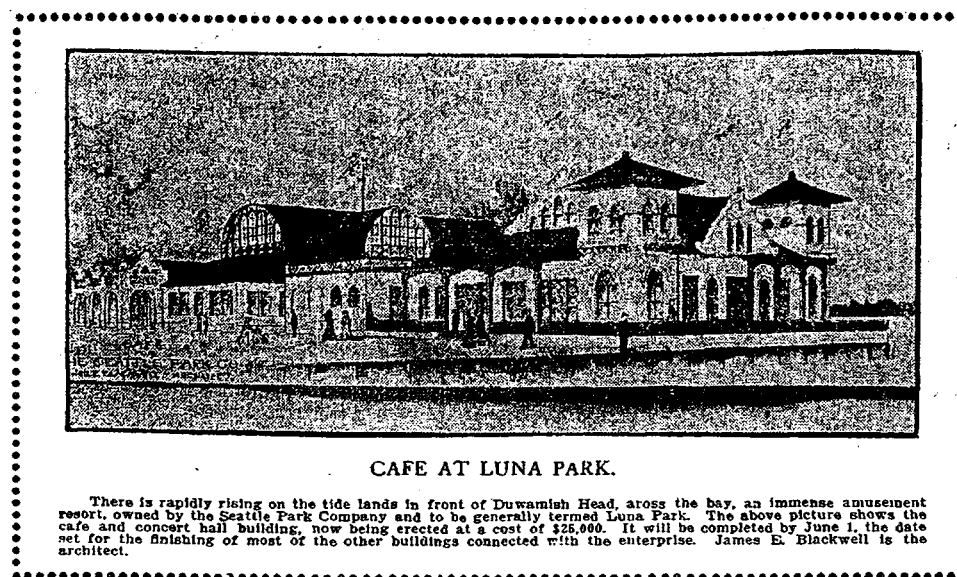
Built in 1902: Design No. 14 still at 805 15th Ave



Seattle Mail & Herald, May 31, 1902



Eagles Aerie #1, 7th & Pine, Robertson & Blackwell, 1904



Seattle Daily Times, April 21, 1907
Blackwell, 1907



1910 Postcard



Mutual Life Insurance Building, 605 1st Ave.,
addition 1904 & remodel 1916



Blackwell home, 1112 Harvard Ave. E, 1905



Galbraith, Bacon & Co. Dock, Wall Street terminus, 1906

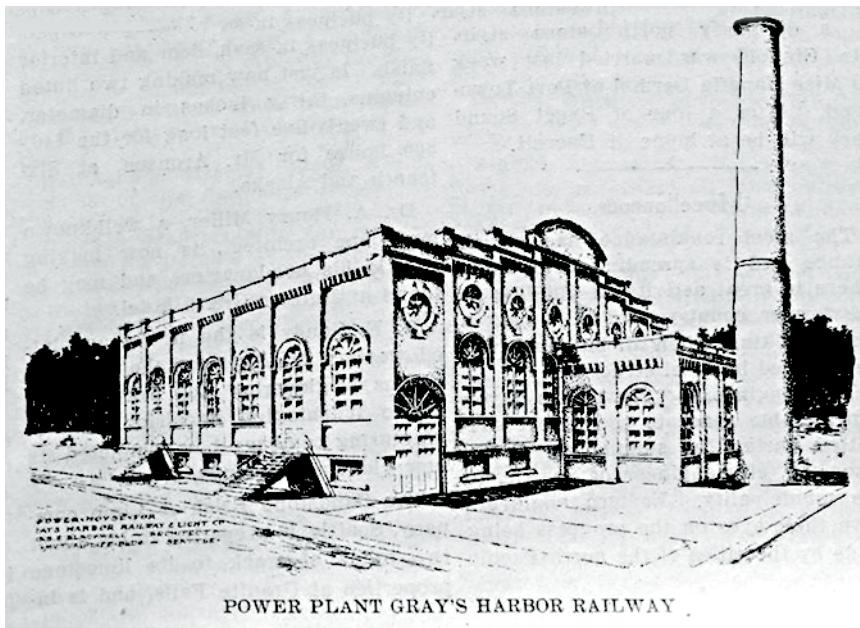


M. F. Backus Warehouse, 1014 1st Ave S, 1907 and
E. O. Graves Building, 1022 1st Ave. S, 1908

**Partnership with Frank Lidstone Baker
1908-1916**



American Cities Realty Co., 1512-16 3rd Ave.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1910



Gray's Harbor Railway Power Plant, Aberdeen, 1908



Chapin-Eddy House, 1117 Boylston Ave. E., Blackwell & Baker, 1910



James A. Kerr House, 1105 Boylston Ave. E.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1910



Grand Trunk Pacific Dock, Madison Street terminus,
Blackwell & Baker, 1910



Bellingham National Guard Armory, 525 N. State St.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1910



Sears Roebuck & Co. Warehouse, Utah Ave. & Lander St.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1910



Frink/Washington Shoe Building, 400 Occidental Way,
Addition of top 2 floors, Blackwell & Baker, 1912



Wenatchee Carnegie Library, S Chelan Ave. and Douglas St.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1912



Olympia Carnegie Library, 620 Franklin St. SE.,
Blackwell & Baker, supervising architects, Joseph Wohleb, architect, 1914



Burlington Carnegie Library, 901 E Fairhaven Ave.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1914



Laveta/Highland/Amon/Dover Apartments, 901 6th Ave.,
regrading alterations and addition of 3 floors,
Blackwell & Baker, 1912



Nesika/Stratford Apartments, 2021 4th Ave.,
Blackwell & Baker, 1915

Messrs. James E. Blackwell and F. L. Baker, who for many years practised architecture under the firm name of Blackwell & Baker, Seattle, Wash., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Blackwell will continue practising in the present offices in the Northern Bank Building, while Mr. Baker will open a new office in the Hinckley Block.

American Architect,
January 3, 1917

ARCHITECT NEW BUILDING CHIEF

James E. Blackwell Will
Succeed Johnson

James E. Blackwell, Seattle architect, was appointed superintendent of buildings by Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell Saturday morning. He succeeds A. J. Johnson, whose term expired last week.

"The appointment of a new superintendent of buildings is no reflection upon Johnson," Caldwell declared. "I was desirous to have an architect as head of the building department, so I appointed Blackwell, who is well qualified for the position in every way."

The new superintendent of buildings has been a resident of Seattle for the past 23 years. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and for the past two years has been resident engineer for the U. S. shipping board.

Blackwell was instrumental in the creation of the present building department, being chairman of the joint committee of architects, builders and real estate men that urged it before the city council.

Seattle Star, April 3, 1920

James E. Blackwell, who has spent several years in the service of the U. S. Shipping Board, and later as head of the Building Department in Seattle, Wash., has resumed the practice of architecture and engineering, having opened offices in the Hogo Building Annex, Seattle.

American Architect, September 1922



Blackwell's original 1922 blueprint

SHAHER BUILDING BOOSTS DISTRICT

SHAHER BUILDING LOOMS

MODERN TEN-STORY OFFICE STRUCTURE RISES FAST. Architects and Contractors Lead in Parade of Latest Addition to the City.

EMPHASIZING all that is modern in office building construction, the new Shafer Building, southwest corner of Sixth Avenue and Pine Street, is rapidly being completed. The building is the latest addition to the district, and occupies a plot of ground 120 feet by 35 feet.

Designed by architects and contractors in the city, the new Shafer Building is a modern structure, built with all the latest equipment and appliances, and is the latest addition to the district.

The first floor will be occupied by a bank, and the second floor by a bank. The third floor will be occupied by a bank, and the fourth floor by a bank.

The fifth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the sixth floor by a bank. The seventh floor will be occupied by a bank, and the eighth floor by a bank.

The ninth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the tenth floor by a bank. The eleventh floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twelfth floor by a bank.

The thirteenth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the fourteenth floor by a bank. The fifteenth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the sixteenth floor by a bank.

The seventeenth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the eighteenth floor by a bank. The nineteenth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twentieth floor by a bank.

The twenty-first floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twenty-second floor by a bank. The twenty-third floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twenty-fourth floor by a bank.

The twenty-fifth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twenty-sixth floor by a bank. The twenty-seventh floor will be occupied by a bank, and the twenty-eighth floor by a bank.

The twenty-ninth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the thirtieth floor by a bank. The thirty-first floor will be occupied by a bank, and the thirty-second floor by a bank.

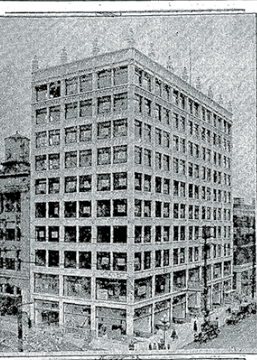
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The forty-first floor will be occupied by a bank, and the forty-second floor by a bank. The forty-third floor will be occupied by a bank, and the forty-fourth floor by a bank.

The forty-fifth floor will be occupied by a bank, and the forty-sixth floor by a bank. The forty-seventh floor will be occupied by a bank, and the forty-eighth floor by a bank.

ADDS TO UPTOWN RETAIL DISTRICT



Ten-Story Structure is Completed. Completion of the new Shafer Building, southwest corner, Sixth Avenue and Pine Street, adds another imposing skyscraper to Seattle's rapidly developing downtown district.

Seattle Schools Teach Pupils Patriotism and Good Manners

SEATTLE schools teach the young of the city something more than mere mental and academic progress. They prepare boys and girls for citizenship and teach them to be good citizens.

The first step in the training of a good citizen is to teach him to be a good neighbor. This is done by teaching him to be polite and to respect the rights of others.

The second step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be patriotic and to love his country.

The third step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be honest and to tell the truth.

The fourth step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be brave and to stand up for his rights.

The fifth step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be kind and to help others.

The sixth step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be clean and to keep his surroundings neat.

The seventh step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be obedient and to follow the rules.

The eighth step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be respectful and to listen to others.

The ninth step is to teach him to be a good citizen. This is done by teaching him to be responsible and to take care of his duties.

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GLASS FOR NEW SHAHER BUILDING FURNISHED BY C. C. BELKNAP GLASS CO. 1900 Railroad Ave., Seattle

Architectural Terra Cotta Used for Facing the SHAHER BUILDING Manufactured and Furnished by Washington Brick, Lime & Sewer Pipe Co. Seattle office, 325 Seaboard Bldg. WILLIAM E. CLARK, District Manager.

JAS. E. BLACKWELL Architect Rooms 416-417 Hope Bldg., Annex, Seattle Phone MA 6100

Awnings for Shafer Building INSTALLED BY PUCET SOUND TENT & DUCK CO. 503 Union Street MA 1-5219

Atlas Painting and Decorating Co. Painting, Decorating and Hardwood Finishing THEO. HESLAND, Prop. 134 15th Ave. N. Seattle, Wash.

Painting and Decorating for New Shafer Building By Atlas Painting and Decorating Co. Painting, Decorating and Hardwood Finishing THEO. HESLAND, Prop. 134 15th Ave. N. Seattle, Wash.



Shafer Building, 6th Ave. & Pine St., 1924



Colsky Building, 2121 1st Ave., 1926



Northern State Hospital, Women's Wards L and M, Sedro Woolley, 1933

Permit Given For Renton Building

Special to The Times.

RENTON, Saturday, Feb. 2.—The permit for Harold Evans' new office building on the corner of Third Avenue and Main Street was granted by the City Council this week.

Tentative plans have been drawn by James Blackwell, Seattle architect, and local contractors are bidding on the work. Blueprints, which are not entirely complete, call for a fireproof building which will house some half dozen stores and offices.

Seattle Daily Times,
February 3, 1929

J. E. Blackwell, Architect, Dies Of Heart Attack

James E. Blackwell, 84 years old, veteran Seattle architect, died of a heart attack at 9:40 o'clock this forenoon in the office of Sheriff William B. Severyns.

Severyns, who was in another part of the County-City Building when Mr. Blackwell called, said the architect had come to show him a draft of a model prison farm which the sheriff and Mr. Blackwell had often discussed.

Mr. Blackwell, one of the architects who designed the first dry dock at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, had resided forty years in Seattle. He was born in Virginia. He and his wife, Eleanor, were married in Washington, D. C. The couple moved to Tacoma nearly fifty years ago, then resided in Bremerton a while before coming here.

Surviving besides the widow is a daughter, Lenore Blackwell, at the family residence, 1112 Harvard Ave. N.

Seattle Daily Times,
April 5, 1939



David Blackwell, Seattle © 2017. Permission granted for the use of this photograph for this project.

“For years — originally from 1988-92, and more recently since 1999 — I’ve passed this old apartment building on walks through the extended neighborhood.

I’ve never been inside, but it has always caught my eye. I like its external look, the landscaping, the evening lighting, its modest scale, and its location on a sweeping curve on a main arterial.”

David Blackwell

Flickr contributor

Photo taken May 3, 2017



FAIRFAX APARTMENTS

Designation Standards

In order to be designated, the building, object, or site must be at least 25 years old and must meet at least one of the six criteria for designation outlined in the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Ordinance (SMC 25.12.350):

- A. It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation; or
- B. It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation; or
- C. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation; or
- D. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction; or
- E. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or F
- F. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.